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## *OUR BLESSED MOTHER*

Devotion to Mary has ever been a distinguishing feature of the Catholic Faith. Mary's presence gives to Christianity a warmth of feeling that cannot help capturing the heart of mankind. To quote the words of a well-known writer: "The Madonna and the Child with entwining arms, and the Man of Sorrows on the cross with the arms of the Mother of Sorrows entwining it, is the strongest appeal that even God could make to win the hearts of men." Appreciative of the important role of Mary in the drama of Redemption and in the plan of Salvation, the devout Catholic is conscious of the debt of love and gratitude he owes to God's own mother.

Our Holy Father, Pius XII, has urged that the Month of May be set aside as a period of intercessory prayer to the Queen of Heaven for a speedy peace and just victory. In accordance with the wishes of our Sovereign Pontiff, our devotion during this month dedicated to Mary should take expression in attendance at Mass and in the reception of Holy Communion. No day should pass without some manifestation of love toward her who lived in such intimate union with Christ our Savior.

Devotion to Mary should be characteristic of the religious life of every devout Christian. Not without reason did the Saints of God assure us in their sermons and writings that devotion to the Mother of God is indeed a pledge of eternal salvation. If we do love Mary, we will certainly love and obey her Divine Son. As Christ was quick to respond to His mother's plea at the Wedding Feast of Cana, so, too, will He be anxious to listen to her plea for us. Not only during the month of May, but every day of our lives should we strive then to show our love and veneration of her whom Christ gave to us as mother and protector.

## *A PARTING MESSAGE*

With the official close of the academic year a large percentage of the present student body will bid farewell to St. Joseph's College. Sacrificing personal interests and ambitions, our boys will go forth to answer their country's call to duty and service. We want them to know that they will not be forgotten. We want them to keep up their contacts with their Alma Mater. The future of St. Joseph's College rests to a large degree in their hands.

Within a few months, perhaps, our alumni will be found in every sector of the warring world. Through our fighting alumni St. Joseph's bright name will be carried to every part of the world. A word of praise here—a word of recommendation there—is bound to pay dividends in the future. St. Joseph's will match the loyalty of her alumni by doing everything possible to aid and to encourage them.

Most encouraging of all, our alumni in the service can be confident that they will be remembered daily in prayer and in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. They can be confident that their instructors will send many a prayer heavenward in their behalf. We will never cease to ask God to bless and to protect them. May our Blessed Lady, and St. Josephs, our glorious patron, defend and safeguard them in every trial and temptation.

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## *PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY*

Most Blessed Virgin Mother, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to accept the degree of Holy Mother Church—placing our beloved country under the protection of Thy Immaculate Conception! Accord it Thy continuous care and powerful influence, that God may safeguard it from all danger and permit it to fulfill its high mission among the peoples of the earth!

(Imprimatur—Francis J. Spellman, D.D.,  
Archbishop of New York).





### GRADUATES 1943

To the graduates of the class of 1943, we extend sincere congratulations. We pray God to bless their every endeavor and to crown their work with success. Possessed of the enduring fruits of a solid, Christian education, the Graduates of 1943, should welcome the present opportunity for courageous living and high leadership. The young men and women going forth from our Catholic colleges and universities carry with them a tremendous responsibility. Their responsibility is to successfully meet the challenge of our times—the challenge to play effective roles in forming the world of tomorrow. And that world of tomorrow must be a far different world from the world of yesteryear if civilization is to endure and to prosper.